

REMARKS

With the present amendment, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 4, claim 18 has been added to represent the claim 5 written in independent form, claim 8 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 10, claims 11 and 15 have been amended to change their dependencies and claims 19 and 20 have been added to depend from claim 18. Claims 4, 10, 16 and 17 have been canceled.

In the Office Action, claims 4-7 and 10-15 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim but were said to be patentable if rewritten in independent form. With the present amendment, independent claim 1 has been amended to represent claim 4 rewritten in independent form and independent claim 18 has been added to represent claim 5 rewritten in independent form. Independent claim 8 has been amended to represent claim 10 rewritten in independent form.

Since each of the pending independent claims now includes subject matter that has been indicated as being allowable, claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-15, and 18-20 are in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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